

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mobile terminal apparatus has numeric keys indicating characters and displays a candidate character indicated by a pressed numeric key. A candidate character storage section stores the candidate character. A character selection fixing section updates the stored candidate character when the same numeric key is pressed repeatedly; when a different numeric key is pressed, the stored candidate character becomes fixed. An input character string storage section stores the fixed character. A voice output determination section determines whether or not a predetermined time has passed after each numeric key is pressed. A voice output section outputs voice corresponding to the fixed character, and when the predetermined time has passed, outputs voice corresponding to the stored candidate character. A display control section displays the fixed character and the candidate character on a screen.--